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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BENC, ETEL, CO
SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: DOMESTIC SATELLITE SYSTEM

REF: STATE 206135

1. RELIABLE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM DIFFERENT TELECOM (NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY) OFFICERS INDICATES THAT SUBJECT PROJECT IS UNDERWAY. PREFEASIBILITY STUDIES IN FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT ARE BEING DEVELOPED BY US FIRM SATELLITE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING INC. UPON TERMINATION OF PREFEASABILITY STUDY COLOMBIA WILL INITIATE CONVERSATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL TO SET UP LOCATION OF SATELLITE. WHOLE PROJECT CONSISTS OF THE INSTALLATION OF STANDARD TYPE ANTENNAS (ABOUT 14 METERS DIAMETER) IN THE CITIES OF BOGOTA, MEDELLIN, CALI, BARRANQUILLA, MANIZALES AND PEREIRA, AND NEARLY 20 SUB-STANDARD ANTENNAS TO COVER THE PACIFIC AND CARIBBEAN SEA COASTS, THE VENEZUELAN BORDER AND OTHER SOUTHERN REGIONS. TELECOM ESTIMATES US \$200 MILLION COST FOR PROJECT. COMMENT: THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY, CONPES, HAS ALREADY APPROVED THIS PROJECT AND HAS ALSO AUTHORIZED TELECOM TO OBTAIN FOREIGN FINANCING TO DEVELOPE IT. HOWEVER, THERE IS NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO JUDGE WHETHER OR NOT THE GOC WILL CONTINUE THIS PROJECT AFTER THE UPCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. COLOMBIA WILL ELECT A NEW PRESIDENT WHO WILL TAKE OFFICE IN MID AUG/1978
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BUT AT THAT TIME THE FEASIBILITY STUDY WILL STILL BE INCOMPLETE. TELECOM IS FIRMLY CONVINCED OF THE NEED FOR THIS SYSTEM LARGELY BECAUSE OF INCREASE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEMAND AND THE SERVE NEEDS OF THE COUNTRY'S EXTENSIVE SOUTH EASTERN RURAL AREAS.

2. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE REPORTING ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

ON THIS PROJECT.
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